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## MEDIA RELEASE

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**UM'S MONTANA RIPARIAN ASSOCIATION  
TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL WORKSHOP AUG. 26-27**

**MISSOULA --**

The Montana Riparian Association, based at the University of Montana School of Forestry, will holds its second annual workshop Aug. 26-27 in Lewistown.

"The idea of the workshop is to give managers -- whether they're private landowners or public agencies -- the information they need to better manage their riparian wetland areas," says Paul Hansen, a UM research professor and MRA riparian ecologist.

Riparian areas, sometimes known as the "green belt," lie beside rivers, lakes and streams. The MRA is made up of state, federal and private organizations and private landowners concerned with riparian issues in Montana. Among the cooperative's almost 30 members are the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, The Nature Conservancy and the Montana Association of Conservation Districts.

The workshop, for which participants must register by Aug. 14, will feature 14 presentations focusing on managing riparian areas, and two field trips to riparian areas. The presentations will be at the Eagles Club, at 124 W. Main, and each day's activities will begin at 8 a.m.

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Speakers on the first day will include Hansen; Ron Batchelor, a biologist with the state Soil Conservation Service; and Dan Hinckley, a BLM riparian coordinator. The topics will range from types of riparian areas and the plants that occur there, to legal issues surrounding those zones.

Among the second-day speakers will be state Rep. Bob Marks, a Clancy rancher; Bob Pfister, a UM forest ecologist and the MRA director; Margaret Clark, a state Department of Commerce specialist in planning and development in riparian areas; and Clayton Marlow, a Montana State University range-management specialist. The subjects will include mineral development in riparian zones, the impact of grazing on riparian areas, and the effects of recreation on riparian areas along the Missouri River.

The field trips will be to Spring Creek, which runs through Lewistown, and to BLM riparian demonstration sites in the area.

The cost of the workshop is \$10 for registration, \$8 for a barbecue dinner Aug. 26 at the Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, and \$3.50 for a sack lunch Aug. 27. Checks made payable to the Montana Riparian Association should be sent to Clayton Marlow, Department of Range Science, Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont. 59717.

For more information, call Paul Hansen at the UM School of Forestry: 243-2050.

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